

FIERCE FIGHT ON PROHIBITION WILL STIR CONGRESSMEN

Washington Already Sees Beginning of Battle; "Dry" Movement Sure to Be Somewhat Advanced in Nation

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WASHINGTON, I. C., June 12.—It seems certain that a degree of prohibition throughout the nation will be accomplished at this session of Congress. Its extent remains to be determined.

The placing of an impossible tax on corn, rye and wheat by the finance committee means that no more distilled spirits can be made during the war. Nothing has been done to limit the output of beer. The prohibitive tax levied on all cereals used in distilled liquors is \$20 a bushel. In addition, a levy of \$5 per wine gallon is laid on all syrups thus utilized.

The strong prohibitionists are not pleased with this proposition, which is intended as a compromise. They demand the enactment of drastic legislation to prevent any whisky or beer making during the war. It is intended to grant this legislation on the revenue or food bills. The house is tied down by a gentlemen's agreement not to take up general legislation at this session, which includes prohibition. Hence some indirect method must be found for working out the problem.

The finance committee sought to save the \$350,000,000 in revenue and satisfy the prohibitionists. Hence the tax of \$20 a bushel on grains entering into distilled spirits, leaving beer without prohibitive control. The committee permits the continued sale of whisky now on hand. It is estimated that this amounts to some 225,000,000 gallons, which would keep the throats of many people well moistened even if the war should progress for two or three years.

Profits for Whisky Men
The charge now is made that this action means enormous profits for the whisky holders. An advance of \$5 or more per gallon is assured, with the probability that prices may go to a much higher figure. The prohibitionists declare this is a gift pure and simple to the makers of whisky and the contention is well high self-evident.

For that reason the action of the finance committee will be hotly fought in the senate and house. It is desired to substitute a provision forbidding the use of any cereal in making whisky or beer until the war is terminated. In addition the supply of whisky on hand would be redistilled and the alcohol made available for use by the government in manufacturing ammunition. This, in effect, would bring immediate nationwide prohibition. At the same time it would wipe out the great revenues which the finance committee seeks to save until normal conditions are restored.

Fight Looms Up
The fight for prohibition consequently looms fierce and determined. It will prove an important feature of all revenue and food legislation. The amendment to the revenue laws adopted by the senate finance committee, designed to solve the prohibition problem by a compromise follows:

"In addition to the tax imposed by existing law on distilled spirits, there shall be levied, collected and paid on the material from which such spirits are manufactured after the approval of this act the following tax: On all molasses, syrups, or substitutes therefor a tax of \$5 per wine gallon and on all grain, cereals, and other edible products and materials a tax of \$20 per bushel of 56 pounds; and every distiller using any such materials shall keep such records and file such returns and bonds, and the tax shall be paid at such times and in such manner, and subject to such conditions as the commission of internal revenue, with the approval of the secretary of the treasury, may prescribe or require."

Provided, That the distiller shall be entitled to have refunded the amount of the tax paid on such materials when the spirits manufactured therefrom are withdrawn free of tax under existing law, or withdrawn and used exclusively for the manufacture or preparation of medicinal compounds;

Provided further, That such spirits shall not be withdrawn for export except upon the application of an accredited representative of a nation now at war with the imperial German government, in which application it shall be declared that such spirits are withdrawn for use in furtherance of such war.

This amendment has been proposed by Senator Gore as a partial compromise.

"No distilled spirits manufactured after the approval of this act from grain, cereals or from any edible product, syrup or any substitute therefor shall be imported into the United States, Porto Rico, or the Philippine Islands except for industrial, mechanical or scientific purposes under rules and regulations to be prescribed by the secretary of the treasury."

ARMY ORDERS

Master Engineer Ernest Meyers (senior grade), 3rd Engineers, is relieved from temporary duty at these headquarters to take effect this date, and is detailed on special duty as draftsman in the office of the Department Engineer.

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Pvt. Sidney Johnson, B Battery, 1st Field Artillery, has been ordered to accompany the private mount of 1st Lt. Louis A. Beard, Field Artillery, to his new station in the United States. Pvt. Johnson will sail on the transport Dix to Seattle, Wash.

Pvt. Wensel Hronak, A Troop, 4th Cavalry, has been detailed for special duty at department headquarters.

Regatta and Swimming at Molo on Fourth of July. All the champions entered.

BOURBONS SILENT ON BEER AT LUAU

How several kegs of beer found their way into the Bourbon luau last Saturday, a number of local Democrats seen today were at a loss to explain. Some say that the affair was to have been "dry." Others declare L. L. McCandless and John H. Wilson knew all the time that this refreshment was to be furnished. Still others assert the beer was the gift of the brewery, but this could not be affirmed.

One prominent Democrat, one of those who sat at the "first table," said this morning he could see no objection to the serving of beer at the luau. He said it would hardly have been a luau without beer. He pointed out, however, that, as far as he knew, no desire was to have a luau served at the tables where sat the notables.

Richard H. Trent is declared to have remarked to one of the Bourbons, when he saw the Hawaiian girls passing around foaming pitchers of beer, that he would not have gone to the luau had he known the liquor was going to be served.

Prof. W. A. Bryan had this to say about it today:

"While I am not a morbid prohibitionist, my desire was to have a luau that would be faultless from every point of view."

Bryan's opinion is that 60 per cent of the 1500 or more persons at the luau looked upon the beer incident with disfavor.

"I will say this much, however," he added, "that the serving of the beer certainly was not done with the intention of influencing votes."

HONOLULU'S FOURTH OF JULY PROGRAM FINISHED

The program of the patriotic services which will be held July Fourth at 10:30 o'clock in the Palace grounds under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce were given out this morning by Raymond C. Brown, secretary.

W. O. Smith is to preside and for an hour preceding the services the Hawaiian band will play patriotic airs. The following is the program:

Introductory remarks, 10:30 a. m. W. O. Smith.

Invocation, Pastor D. C. Peters (acting for the Daughters of the American Revolution).

Songs, the audience, led by members of the Ad Club.

Declaration of Independence, Prof. W. A. Bryan (acting for the Sons of the American Revolution).

Songs, the audience, led by members of the Ad Club.

Address, United States District Attorney S. C. Huber.

Songs, the audience, led by members of the Ad Club.

Star Spangled Banner, the Ad Club, Hawaiian band and audience.

National salute, 12 o'clock noon. National Guard of Hawaii.

Boy Scouts will be in attendance.

HILLO BREAKWATER WORK IS PROGRESSING RAPIDLY

Work on the Hilo breakwater since the contract was taken over by the American Surety Company, bondsmen for the former contractor, is progressing more rapidly than at any time before the change, according to Col. R. R. Raymond, Corps of Engineers, who has just returned from a trip to Hawaii.

Col. Raymond said today that Mr. Deming of the surety company is using practically the same working force employed by the other company, and the special skill they have developed on this job is a big help in the work. This section of the breakwater will be finished this fall, after which a new contract will probably be let to wind up the entire job.

"One of the highly commendable features of the work," says Col. Raymond, "is that not one stone in the superstructure has moved from its place in the completed portion. This would not be so remarkable in flat rock like granite, but the condition is different with the lava rock, which varies in shape."

SHIPPERS MAY IGNORE LONGSHOREMEN'S DEMAND

Indications today are that local shipping firms intend to ignore the demands made by Honolulu local, International Longshoremen's Association, for a second increase in the wage scale.

The union has given employers until July 1 to consider the demands. Whether a strike will be called after that date unless some agreement is reached in the meantime, is not clear.

Jack Edwardson said today the union now has 1000 men in its membership and between \$15,000 and \$20,000 in its strike fund. He added that "outside funds are coming in," and that not all the money had been raised by the stevedores themselves.

WILHELMINA NIGHT, HEINIE'S

There will be a dinner-dance at Heinie's Tavern, "on the beach at Waikiki," this evening, which everybody is cordially invited to attend.

Come out to Waikiki and eat one of Heinie's good dinners, for you will enjoy it more than any you've had in a long time. Dinner served from 5:30 to 8.—Adv.

PERSONALITIES

HENRY W. KINNEY, superintendent of public instruction, will leave for Hawaii tomorrow on a school inspection tour.

Mrs. Joseph H. Gray of El Paso, Tex., arrived on the Wilhelmmina this morning, from San Francisco, where she has been visiting for some time, to join her husband, who is with the Advertiser staff. They will make their home temporarily at the Royal Hawaiian hotel, but expect to take a cottage at the beach later.

Secret Service Gets After Honolulu Boy For Filming Tunnels

Rudolph Silva, son of A. C. Silva of Silva's Toggery, was trailed through Southern California by United States secret service men last week when on his way home from the East. He returned this morning on the Wilhelmmina.

Coming to the coast on the Santa Fe, he spent the afternoon of the last day of the trip taking pictures of bridges and tunnels along the road through Southern California, not knowing that he was breaking the federal law.

At the first stop in Southern California the conductor of the train received a wire that some one was taking pictures from the observation platform of the train. Troops were guarding all the tunnels and they had seen Silva taking snap shots.

The search was terminated when Silva confessed that he had been taking the pictures. The conductor then questioned him and wired ahead that the man had been found.

The city constable got on the train at Stockton, Cal. Silva was again examined and was forced to give up not only the film containing the pictures taken in California, but all pictures in his possession. He named the hotel at which he planned to spend the night in Oakland with the expectancy that he would be called upon again there.

At Richmond, where the train divided for Oakland and San Francisco, Silva was approached by a man wearing a black hat, who he judged was another member of the secret service. He advised Silva to be sure and be at the specified hotel in Oakland.

But Silva did not see any secret service men in Oakland, although they had warned him that he would probably have to appear before a commission there. He expects, however, to have his films returned to him, developed, in the near future.

He has been attending Peddie's school in New Jersey and is returning home for the summer.

RAPID TRANSIT DENIES CITY LAND DEAL CHARGES

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of the company. The charge was made Saturday by A. M. Cristy, deputy city attorney, in a letter to Charles N. Arnold, chairman of the road committee of the board of supervisors.

Ballentine's statement follows:

"In the latter part of the year 1915 the Rapid Transit Co. purchased from Mrs. Rooke, now residing in England, the property commonly known as the 'Rooke property,' situated at the corner of Queen and South streets.

"A number of years ago, probably about 15, this property was leased by Mrs. Rooke to a Mr. Wilson. As the area embraced something over four acres, he, on his own responsibility, divided the property into four parts by running two lanes through the same; one leading from South to Keawe street and the other from Queen to Halekuanila street. This subdivided the property into four parts which were further subdivided into small building lots and leased to various persons who erected small houses thereon. The lanes were not put through the property for the public convenience but for the convenience of the tenants whose property fronted on the lanes.

"In the early part of 1916 the company purchased from the Bishop Estate a narrow strip of land lying between the southerly boundary of the Rooke property and Halekuanila street, and extending from South to Keawe street. This gave the company title to the property embraced within the block. Subsequently application was made to the land court for a Torrens title to all of this property and notice was duly sent to the adjacent property holders together with any others who might have any claim to or interest in this property. Default was made by those to whom the notice was sent, while the territory interposed and objected, claiming title to the lanes.

"This is the case, as I understand it, now before the land court. I might say that in both the cases of the Rooke property and of the Bishop Estate property warranty deeds were given the Rapid Transit Co. and it is they who are resisting the claim of the territory. The Rapid Transit Co. has no desire to deprive the territory of any of its rights in this or any other property, although it would appear from a statement which appeared in the Star-Bulletin of Saturday, that the company is trying to do the territory out of the lanes to the possession of which they claim the territory is clearly entitled. All we want is that this matter be properly adjudicated on its merits. If we are not entitled to the lanes it is then a matter for the Bishop Estate and the Rooke property to adjust with the Rapid Transit Co.

"Where this property abuts on South street the street is very narrow. I think about 36 feet wide, while above and below this property it is 60 feet wide. The property at one point also extends out to Queen street.

"Immediately after coming in possession of this property I endeavored to come to some arrangement with the city and county and the territory for the widening of South street, but utterly failed to have either the city or territory interest themselves in the improvements. The Rapid Transit Co. instead of endeavoring to take anything away from the territory to which it is entitled, has done all it could to have the objectional conditions in regard to these streets removed.

"As the matter is now before the court, the comments as they appeared in the Saturday Star-Bulletin, would appear to be not only uncalled for but an attempt to influence the decision of the court in connection with our application for a land court title."

As he had reached the age of 18 a few weeks ago, which permits him to enlist in the Canadian army, Robert Hunt, who has been working for the dry goods department of Theo. H. Davies & Co., Ltd., left last week on the Makura for Vancouver to join the Canadian forces.

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The Hawaiian band will not play at Thomas square this evening.

A suit for the recovery of an alleged debt of \$449.89 has been filed in circuit court by Asahi & Co. against the Uchiyama Shoten.

Elizabeth K. Booth has filed in circuit court a suit against the Kalihii Taro & Land Co. for the recovery of an alleged debt of \$1091.32.

Sgt. John Kelleit will be in charge of the detective department during the absence of his chief, Capt. Arthur McDuffie, who leaves tomorrow on the Matsuo for a month's vacation in California.

Classified as a "garage lifter," Lorenzo Castillero, a Filipino, who stole two coats and a hat from the Banzai garage, was found guilty in police court this morning and given three months each on two charges.

After deliberating several hours a jury in Circuit Judge Heen's court yesterday afternoon failed to reach a verdict in the case of M. Fukuda, charged with a statutory offense. A second trial of the case may be held.

Grigoria Caribon, a Filipino laborer of Kaneohe, was arraigned in police court this morning on a statutory charge involving a girl under the age of 15 years and was committed to the circuit court for trial. It is understood the girl in reality was only 12 years old. Deputy Sheriff R. W. Davis made the arrest.

John Fleming, president of Jas. F. Morgan Company, is celebrating today his forty-second birthday. It did not appear on the Stock Exchange that Mr. Fleming had any special presents in the form of new news from either Engels Copper or San Carlos. On account of the war and stock market conditions the celebration has not been an elaborate one.

Unless the local longshoremen get the demanded raise in wages by the first of July, it was announced today, Charles Holous will leave for Toledo, Ohio, to lay the case of the local longshoremen to rest. He is a member of the local longshoremen's union. It was announced that the local longshoremen have cabled to the Pacific Coast district of the union in San Francisco notifying it of the action here in demanding a raise in pay.

BY THE GRAVE SIDE

Why did you leave, my darling boy,
Oh, why did you go away?
When you had so happy a home,
Oh why, oh why didn't you stay?

You knew that you were my only one,
You knew that I loved you so;
Oh, why did you break my lonely heart,
And o'er this wide world go?

Oh, why didn't you stay with mother,
The one that loves you true?
Oh, why didn't you stay with mother?
For she had no one but you.

Your childhood trials and sorrows
I with you did gladly share;
But even then you went and left me,
As though you didn't care.

I have waited for your returning,
But not expecting you to return
this way.

Oh, God, if I could only see your face,
Oh, if you was not beneath the clay.

My dreams have been that once again
I could press you to my breast;
But God has taken you from me
And laid you down to rest.

My only hopes are, my darling boy,
That you lived for God above,
And if so we will meet in heaven,
In the land of eternal love. Amen.
—By Jack Smyre, Amb. Co. No. 9,
Chapfield Barracks, T. H.

WANTED

Good salesman for country retail store. Reply giving experience and salary expected. Must have general knowledge of merchandise and good personality. Box 658, Care of Star-Bulletin. 6822—6t

Single room; simply furnished; clean; by quiet gentleman, for six months; not more than five dollars per month. Address Box 657, Star-Bulletin office. 6822—6t

A few more customers in Punahou and Makiki districts to take milk from tested cows. Phone 5302. 6822—1m

Light one horse dairy delivery wagon. College of Hawaii, Phone 2040. 6822—6t

HELP WANTED.

A stenographer. Apply Patten Co., Ltd., Hotel street. 6822—1t

FOR RENT.

FURNISHED ROOMS.

Sunny room and board for two young men or two young ladies. All the comforts of home; at Waikiki. Royal Grove. 2417 Prince Edward street. 6822—2t

LOST.

Gold filled watch and fob, in front of Seaside Hotel or Outrigger Club. Reward. Care of Gurrey, Ltd., Fort street. 6822—2t

FOUND.

Ladies' mesh purse found on Alex. Young bakery counter. Owner can have same by describing contents and paying for this ad by calling at Young Hotel office. 6822—1t

FOR SALE.

PET STOCK.

German police dog, three years old (male). Address Box 659, Star-Bulletin. 6822—1t

FOR RENT.

FURNISHED HOUSES.

New two-bedroom bungalow, Dewey Court, Waikiki. Phone 5302. 6822—1t

U.S. Navy May Have Eye on Wilhelmmina; Liner is Surveyed

Thorough surveys of the Matsuo steamer Wilhelmmina were made on Saturday, June 16, in San Francisco, by officers of the army and navy on orders from Washington.

This is the news brought to Honolulu today by Capt. Francis M. Edwards, commander of the Wilhelmmina. He said the officers went over the steamer thoroughly. The navy men took most of the day to make their survey, the army completing theirs in a short time. Two separate surveys were made.

Captain Edwards says the survey does not necessarily mean the Wilhelmmina is to be commandeered by the government this summer. She is one of the three steamers of the Matsuo fleet equipped with reinforced mounts for four 6-inch guns, and other equipment making it possible to convert them into auxiliary naval cruisers within a short time. The other two are the Maui and Matsuo.

No other word concerning future movements of the Maui and Matsuo was received by Castle & Cooke, the local agency, in today's mail.

BRYAN TO TAKE CAMPAIGN EASY

Prof. William A. Bryan announced today that, as one of the Democratic candidates for governor, he will conduct no active campaign for the post.

"I am naturally grateful to the party, however, for selecting Mr. McCandless and myself as their choice as candidates," he said.

Professor Bryan would not comment on the report that McCandless may drop out of the governorship campaign at a later date and build up his political fences for a campaign for the delegateship.

"I know nothing of this," he said, "and I do not believe that any definite plans for future campaigns have been outlined as yet."

FATAL ACCIDENT DUE TO WARNING IGNORED

Failure to follow instructions was the probable reason for the death of S. Nis, the Japanese who was found dead in the elevator shaft of the Honolulu brewery in Kakaako Saturday evening.

The coroner's jury investigating the death this morning could fix no cause for the accident, but testimony was that the Japanese, who had only been employed a few days, had been warned not to tamper with the elevator. It is thought he disregarded this warning in a trip to the third floor and that in sticking his head out was caught between the elevator and the third floor, where he was found dead about 6 o'clock.

THE CHERRY

1137 Fort St.

Beautiful Assortment of Oriental Goods

THE CHERRY

1137 Fort St.

Lacquer Tray

of all sizes, just arrived.

Japanese Bazaar

Fort St., opp. Catholic Church

"IT PAYS TO ADVERTISE"

Things are selling so fast, that it won't be necessary to advertise much more. The only reason I am writing advertisements these days is because I like to tell good news, for this sale is so real, so helpful, that it refuses to be suppressed. It's just as though somebody—a Fairy Godmother, or a faraway uncle—had slipped you a ten-spot or a twenty, maybe, that you didn't expect.

You can buy Men's Clothing, Haberdashery and Hats in this sale at SAVINGS OF FROM 25 TO 50 PER CENT. But you'll have to hurry as the sale is coming to an end.

We used to regard advertising as an economic waste. Now we look upon it as an economic necessity.

This store, for one, realizes that—especially in the case of an emergency—"it pays to advertise."

I thank you.

The Man from Denver.

Gilmer Perry, carpenter's mate of the U. S. S. Alert, came in the store Saturday and inquired, "Where is the Man from Denver? I read his ads in the papers. I know nearly everybody in Denver. Maybe I know him."

I happened to be out to luncheon, so he waited for my return, and when I put in an appearance he recognized in me the "Burro Boy" who used to guide the tourists up the mountain trails outside of Denver.

"Hello there, Will!" he cried. "It feels good to see someone you know from your home town."

So we had a little "private conversation" about our escapades in the good old days and he told me that he was glad to be in Uncle Sam's service, and how he was being elevated from an educational standpoint in the navy, and that he "wouldn't miss it for the world." And it struck me that it wouldn't be a bad idea to show our patriotism by boosting Uncle Sam's navy in this advertisement, and incidentally do a little boosting for the Ideal's unloading sale.

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U. S. OFFICIALS TAKE HAND IN SAFFERY'S CASE

Federal officials late yesterday afternoon placed under arrest Tom Saffery, who was taken into custody by the police last Saturday and held pending an investigation of charges to the effect that he was the ringleader of an organized gang of blackmailers that had been operating in the beach district.

The charge lodged against Saffery by the federal officials is that of impersonating a federal officer, it being alleged that, during the operations of the gang, which are presumed to have been at night, he flashed a badge before the persons approached and claimed to be either a member of Marshal J. J. Smiddy's staff or a representative of the U. S. attorney's office.

Bond in the sum of \$2500 has been fixed in Saffery's case, but up to press time this afternoon he was still in custody, having been unable to secure sureties on the bond.

TRADE SAMPLES MAY BE PLACED IN MAIL

Postmaster D. H. MacAdam today received instructions from the postoffice department to the effect that trade samples may be imported in the regular mailed in